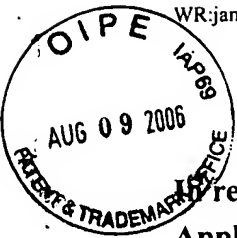


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Enclosed for filing in the application referenced above are the following:

- ☒ Response to Notice of Drawing Inconsistency with Specification Dated July 25, 2006, with attached Exhibits A and B
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit over-payment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4550. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ Please return the enclosed postcard to confirm that the items listed above have been received.

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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF DRAWING INCONSISTENCY  
WITH SPECIFICATION DATED JULY 25, 2006**

This responds to the Notice of Drawing Inconsistency with Specification dated July 25, 2006 ("Notice"), for which a one-month period for response was set, making a reply due on or before August 25, 2006.

In response to the Notice, applicants attach a copy of a Preliminary Amendment dated January 16, 2004, which amended the specification to make reference to Figs. 12A and 12B, and which included Replacement Sheets Fig. 7 and Figs. 12A and 12B (Exhibit A). A copy of the return postcard from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office acknowledging receipt of the Preliminary Amendment is attached as Exhibit B.

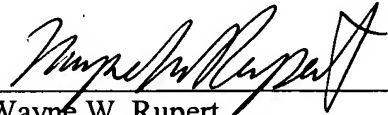
It is respectfully requested that Replacement Sheets (Figs. 7, 12A and 12B) from the Preliminary Amendment be entered in this application. Should there be any questions regarding this Response, or if the Office determines that additional replacement drawings are necessary, it

is respectfully requested that the Office of Publications contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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